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1. The former Akkumulatoren-Fabrik "Varta" in Berlin-Oberschöneweide, incorporated into the Soviet Electro-Technical AG, was known as the Akkumulatoren-Fabrik der Sowjetischen Elektro-technischen AG vormals "Varta" up to the end of May 1947. At that time, by order of the Weissensee AG, it was designated:

A.F.O. Akkumulatoren-Fabrik Oberschöneweide, der Staatlichen Elektro-technischen AG Kabel.

2. The plant's general director is a Russian civilian, Fedorenko, who is at present in Moscow. He is responsible to Director Sherberkov, another Soviet civilian, who is head of the Electro-Technical AG.
3. The factory employs approximately 700 men, but the SMA has requested that strength be increased to 1,500 by the end of 1947 so that important Soviet Army orders may be filled. The SMA also ordered that production be quadrupled.
4. Accumulators for trucks and large specialized batteries for tanks are being made at the present time. There is a shortage of materials, especially of lead for mass production of plates, and stocks on hand are expected to be exhausted in about six months. Current monthly production is estimated to be worth 900,000 marks (sic).
5. Some machinery and equipment dismantled and shipped off in early 1946, including the "Streich" machine for accumulator lead plates, are being returned to the plant by the Russians.

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